

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 remain pending in this application. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 5-8 and 11 have been amended.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 4-7 and 11 have been objected to because of minor informalities. Claims 1, 5-7 and 11 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the objections. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 4 including the suggested change regarding the pre-set target value being claimed. Accordingly, the claims, as amended, should be found to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102


Claims 1-3 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,180,993, issued to Dent. The amendment of claims 1 and 11 to include the limitations of canceled claim 4, which was indicated as being allowable, should render moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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